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ON THE

Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough

FOR THE

Year Ended 31st December, 1960

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(Resigned July, 1960)

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To the Mayor Aldermen and Members of the Congleton Borough Council.

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Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1960 on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough.

There has been a further increase in the estimated population which now stands at 16210. There has been a rise in the number of births and a fall in the number of deaths.

The prevalence of infectious disease has this year shown a disturbing rise in the incidence of Whooping Cough. Like Diphtheria this disease should not occur if all babies were immunised in the first few months of life and given a booster injection before entering school. Whooping Cough is not to be taken lightly. It is a distressing disease which may have serious complications and may cause permanent lung damage. It is the responsibility of all parents to see that their children are properly protected.

It is satisfactory to note that for the first time there has been no death from Tuberculosis and that the number of notifications have been going down over the last few years.

One of the most rewarding tasks is the work being done in connection with Slum Clearance and it is satisfactory to note that 6 areas comprising of 54 houses were confirmed during the year. It is the duty now of the Council to provide suitable houses

as replacements . Much still remains to be done in this field.

On Housing generally the Council have given consideration to the provision of Flatlets and Warden Service for that category of old person who requires a certain amount of supervision. There is an undoubted need for this in the Borough.

The year saw the completion of the West Heath Sewerage Scheme and many properties have now been connected up. As the Surveyor points out in his section of this report the problem of finding additional space for controlled refuse tipping will have to be solved fairly soon.

I should like to pay tribute to the Town Clerk and his staff for their help and assistance readily given at all times. Particularly I wish to thank the Chief Public Health Inspector, his assistant and the other members of his staff without whose co-operation it would be impossible for me to do my work adequately. Tribute has been paid in this report to his contribution and to that from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor.

I beg to remain,
Your obedient Servant,

L. RICH,

Medical Officer of Health

The figures in brackets throughout this report are for 1959.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Estimated population . . . 16210 (16080)

BIRTHS

Live Births:	Total	Male	Female
(Legitimate)	277 (229)	136 (111)	141 (118)
(Illegitimate)	12 (3)	2 (1)	10 (2)

Still Births:			
(Legitimate)	2 (6)	1 (3)	1 (3)
(Illegitimate)	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)

Live birth rate per 1000 estimated average population mid 1960 17.6 (14.2)

Live birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population 17.1 (16.5)

Still birth rate per 1000 total (live and still)births 10.2 (25.2)

Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total (live and still)births 19.7 (21)

Still birth rate per 1000 total population .18 (.37)

Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total ~~pop~~ulation .34 (.35)

INFANTILE MORTALITY

The total number of deaths is shown as follows:

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	3 (4)	2 (2)	1 (2)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births	10.3	(17.2)
Infantile mortality rate of England and Wales	21.7	(22.2)
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	10.8	(17.4)
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	0	(0)

DEATHS

	Total	Male	Female
Deaths, all ages	225 (238)	113 (117)	112 (121)
Death rate per 1000 estimated average population	14.5	(14.6)	
Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population	11.5	(11.6)	

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the district during the past year.

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic disease	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	7	4	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	5	1

Cause	-5-	Total	Male	Female
Malignant neoplasm, breast	2	-	2	-
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	4	-	4	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	15	9	6	-
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-	-	-
Diabetes	2	1	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	37	17	20	-
Coronary disease, angina	64	35	29	-
Hypertension with heart disease	3	1	2	-
Other heart diseases	23	8	15	-
Other circulatory disease	9	5	4	-
Influenza	3	1	2	-
Pneumonia	7	3	4	-
Bronchitis	16	12	4	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	2	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	2	-	2	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	1	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	1	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	1	-	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases	12	5	7	-
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1	-	-
All other accidents	4	1	3	-
Suicide	-	-	-	-
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-
Total: 225			113	112

Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal causes

	No. of Deaths	
Puerperal Sepsis	0	(0)
Other maternal causes	0	(0)
Maternal Mortality rate per 1000 live and still births	0	(0)

Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus

	Male	Female	Total
1950	1	-	1
1951	3	1	4
1952	4	-	4
1953	2	1	3
1954	4	1	5
1955	3	-	3
1956	6	2	8
1957	4	1	5
1958	6	-	6
1959	4	1	5
1960	5	1	6

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE
AREA.

Care of Mothers and Young Children

The Health Visitors serving in this area are as follows :-

Miss M. Corbishley, S.R.N. Park Street Clinic,
S.C.M. H.V. Congleton.

Tel.No. Congleton 2095

Miss D. Austin, S.R.N. Park Street Clinic,
S.C.M. Q.I.D.N.S. Congleton.

Tel.No. Congleton 2095

Infant Welfare Clinics.

Despite a year of extremely bad weather it is satisfactory to note a very considerable increase in the number of total attendances in our centres generally.

There is no doubt that the mothers continue to attend these clinics in their ever increasing numbers because they feel that the medical advice and the benefits generally are worth the effort involved in coming along.

As has been repeatedly pointed out in previous reports we are dealing with mothers and young children who for the main part are not suffering from diseases and are therefore in a good position to receive the benefits of Health Education and guidance. This is in addition to the considerable amount of vaccination and immunisation work the clinics give us the opportunity to carry out.

News was received during the year that the County Health Committee are to proceed sometime in 1961 with the provision of a new clinic on the Park Lane site. This too will be a great benefit to the town for as can be seen from the figures the work here continues to grow and the present premises although they have served us well in a temporary capacity are now no longer adequate.

The present building in Park Street which is in the ownership of the County Council would suit very well as Divisional Health Offices for in addition to being able to provide room for my office staff we could also provide room for the Mental Health Office and the Domestic Help Supervisor.

During the year a new maternity ward was opened at the War Memorial Hospital. This means that most of the mothers requiring hospital confinements will now no longer need to go to Macclesfield. The Matron at this hospital, who displays a commendable enthusiasm in this field,

has organized preparation classes separately for her mothers due to go into hospital. As we were doing the same thing for our mothers due for home confinements at our clinic in Park Street it was felt that here was the opportunity for two branches of the Health Services to get together to form a joint scheme. Accordingly a meeting was arranged between the hospital and ourselves for one preparation class to take place in the hospital in which our two Health Visitors would join in with the Physiotherapist and give a comprehensive service to all mothers.

I am pleased to report that due to the goodwill and co-operation by all concerned we now have a scheme operating in Congleton which could form a pattern for many other districts to follow.

In all the numerous activities that take place in our various clinics we are well supported by voluntary helpers and I should like to pay tribute to all the good work they do and hope that they will continue to give us their support.

Statistics

Mother's Clinics	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held
Ante-natal	39 (116)	96 (767)	26 (52)
Dental			
Pre-natal	6 (6)	16 (15)	
Nursing Mothers	11 (19)	30 (80)	
Dentures supplied	- (5)		

Infant Welfare

New Cases			Total Attendances			No. of Clinics held	Cases seen by Doctor.	Average per Clinic seen by Doctor
0-1	1-2	2-5	0-1	1-2	2-5			
225	-	-	2365	248	348	48	1165	24.2
(186)	(-)	(-)	(1939)	(321)	(108)	(48)	(783)	(16.3)

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	2 (5)	8 (19)	19 (17)	.4 (1.1)
E.N.T. Clinic	- (-)	- (-)	2 (5)	- (-)

Welfare Foods

The handling of this service has proceeded efficiently. No complaints have been received during the year and all demands were satisfied.

The present arrangements are that National Dried Milk, Vitamin Tablets, Cod Liver Oil and Orange Juice, may be obtained each week-day except Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 4.45 p.m. and Saturday morning from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon, from the Clinic at Park Street, Congleton.

Welfare Foods Served - 1960

Distribution Centre	National Dried Milk		A. & D. Tablets	Cod Liver Oil	Orange Juice
	F. Cream	H. Cream			
Park Street Clinic, Congleton.	7135 (6947)	2000 (204)	1170 (1241)	1093 (1128)	8670 (9158)

Day Nursery

There is an ever increasing demand for admission to our Day Nursery and the waiting list continues to grow.

Priority admission is given to the children of widows, unmarried mothers and where there is sickness in the home. In addition we are able to admit a certain small number of children where there are social problems.

We do have in this nursery two rooms upstairs which are not used and consideration is being given to decorating and furnishing these rooms so that we can increase the number of children it is possible to take.

Day Nursery - Attendances 1960.

	Average No. Attending	Total Attendances
0-2 years	8.5 (12.2)	2155 (3114)
2-5 years	33.7 (29.7)	8223 (8313)

Jan. %	Feb. %	Mar. %	Apr. %	May %	June %	July %	Aug. %	Sep %	Oct. %	Nov. %	Dec. %	1960 %
108.1 (97.9)	110.3 (100.8)	108.5 (109.4)	102.3 (103.1)	117.5 (112.5)	105.3 (117.1)	104.2 (102.6)	95.3 (99.1)	106.5 (112.8)	102.1 (103.2)	109 (102.1)	98 (100.9)	105.5 (105.6)

Midwifery

The midwife employed by the Cheshire County Council is :-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel. No.</u>
D. H. Wright	"Ewaring", Giantswood Lane Congleton.	Congleton 3240

In addition, Nurse M.S.Bowman, 4, High Lowe Avenue, Congleton, combines the duties of Home Nurse with that of District Midwife.

Births - 1960

Hospital		Home		Private N. Home	
Live	Still	Live	Still	Live	Still
219 (143)	3 (6)	67 (84)	-- (-)	- (:)	- (-)

Home Nursing.

Two District Nurses are resident in Congleton Borough. They both occupy Council Houses.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel.No.</u>
M.S.Bowman	4, High Lowe Ave., Congleton.	Con. 3444
R.Ward	24, The Westlands, Congleton.	Con. 2104

Meals on Wheels.

This service has gone on without interruption since its inception. 36 meals are delivered twice a week. In addition numerous visits are paid to the recipients by the W.V.S. ladies thus keeping in constant touch with the old people. The work being done by the voluntary workers in this service cannot be praised too highly.

Chiropody.

The chiropody service has grown enormously and the demand was so great that it has been found

necessary to reduce the number of treatments after the first 6 monthly treatments to one treatment every two months. However, in exceptional cases where it is necessary for the treatment to be given more frequently the Divisional Health Committee have the power to order this to be done.

Public Health Laboratory Service

A new laboratory has opened at Chester which we find more convenient than going into Manchester.

Vaccination and Immunisation
Statistics.

Diphtheria Immunisation

Pre-school children	9	(12)
School children	4	(2)
	<u>13</u>	<u>(14)</u>
Re-inforcing injections	83	(14)

Whooping Cough Immunisation

Pre-school children	3	(14)
School children	1	(2)
	<u>4</u>	<u>(16)</u>

Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus).

Pre-school children	236	(214)
School children	59	(5)
	<u>295</u>	<u>(219)</u>

Primary Vaccination

Pre-school children	139	(115)
School children	8	(6)
Adults	16	(10)
	<u>163</u>	<u>(131)</u>

Re-Vaccination

Pre-school children	1	(-)
School children	4	(-)
Adults	18	(16)
	<u>23</u>	<u>(16)</u>

Ambulance and Sitting Case Car Transport.

I am well satisfied with the general turn-out and maintenance of the ambulances and it is satisfactory to report that once again each of the Ambulance Drivers has received a State Driving Award Certificate for the year 1960.

Attendance Figures - 1960

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Mileages	2142 (2685)	2115 (2764)	1960 (2972)	1997 (2701)	2093 (2822)	2162 (2700)	2344 (2452)	1436 (2062)	1809 (2165)	2112 (2403)	1897 (2063)	1745 (1701)
Journeys	106 (125)	104 (122)	94 (140)	99 (117)	105 (125)	109 (119)	111 (112)	85 (97)	105 (115)	110 (119)	103 (109)	112 (94)
Patients	336 (425)	379 (349)	338 (400)	331 (425)	313 (431)	29 (45)	307	195 (212)	272 (312)	232 (335)	202 (280)	240 (262)

Sitting-Care Case Figures - 1960

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Mileages	3805 (323)	3610 (3549)	3434 (3587)	3724 (4002)	4057 (4465)	3982 (4208)	3736 (4115)	4013 (3211)	3776 (3644)	3946 (3847)	3556 (3746)	3682 (3518)
Journeys	153 (122)	126 (112)	145 (113)	129 (132)	121 (128)	115 (135)	117 (140)	138 (115)	125 (134)	138 (132)	120 (143)	112 (141)
Patients	545 (365)	541 (357)	580 (375)	421 (475)	475 (489)	404 (495)	423 (543)	495 (418)	399 (482)	514 (559)	496 (453)	536 (450)

Domestic Help Service

The demands for this service continue to be high, and I am pleased to report that most of them in Congleton continue to be met.

Home Helps employed during 1960

Full time	-	(-)
Temporary	24	(28)
Casual	3	(4)
	<u>27</u>	<u>(32)</u>

Home Helps employed at 31st December, 1960

Full time	-	(-)
Temporary	20	(18)
Casual	-	(2)
	<u>20</u>	<u>(20)</u>

Applications received during 1960

Confinement	3	(6)
Sickness	6	(7)
Tuberculosis	-	(-)
Aged and Infirm	9	(11)
	<u>18</u>	<u>(24)</u>

Cases attended during 1960

Confinement	2	(2)
Sickness	9	(8)
Tuberculosis	-	(-)
Aged and Infirm	46	(51)
	<u>57</u>	<u>(61)</u>

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

I am indebted to Mr.H.S.Halpin, Borough Engineer and Surveyor for the following information.

Water Supply

During the year the following quantities of water have been supplied from the various sources in the Borough :-

Hug Bridge Pumping Station	680,000	galls.per day
Forge Lane Pumping Station	394,000	"
Buglawton Borehole	55,000	"
	<u>1,129,000</u>	<u>"</u>

Supplies have been continued to the Mid and South East Cheshire Water Board to the extent of approximately 247,500 galls. per day from the total quantity of water supplied.

During the year bulk supplies of water have been continued to the Biddulph U.D.C., amounting to approximately 112 gallons per day.

Samples of water have been submitted for analysis from time to time to the Public Health Laboratory, Manchester, and in all cases the chemical and bacteriological examinations have proved to be quite satisfactory.

The hardness of the water at present supplied from Forge Lane is 28 parts per 100,000 whilst the Hug Bridge water has a total hardness of 19 and the Buglawton Borehole approximately 5 parts per 100,000..

Water main extensions have been carried out in the West Heath area of the town to supply new housing development.

Records are being compiled of all water installations in preparation for the amalgamation of the Water Undertaking with the Macclesfield District Water Board.

Drainage and Sewerage

The West Heath Sewerage Scheme was completed during the year and approximately 50% of the existing properties in this area have already been connected to the new sewers.

Work is still proceeding on the new Sewage Disposal Works, and at the close of 1960, all the main items of plant were in full operation.

Public Cleansing.

A total of 5,300 tons of house refuse has been collected and disposed of by controlled tipping during the year. Steps are being taken to acquire additional land adjoining the present site for the extension of the tipping area.

Salvage.

A total of 95 tons 16 cwts. 3 qrs. of Waste Paper was collected and disposed of during the year at a value of £718. 15s. 6d.

Housing.

Number of Council Houses completed in 1960:

Houses	58	(12)
Single Persons Flats	-	(-)

2 Bed Maisonettes	-	(-)
Shops	-	(-)
1 - bedroom type bungalows	-	(20)
Private houses completed in 1960	72	(38)
Number of applicants on the waiting list at 31st December, 1960 (excluding applications for aged persons' bungalows)	364	(339)
Number of visits re housing applications by Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector.	57	(43)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the
year 1960.

Disease	Under 1	Age distribution										Total	Cases admt'd to Hosp.
		1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65 & Over	
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Erysipelas Food	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	1	4	10	5	5	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	4	-	8
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	6
Whooping Cough	2	4	5	4	2	16	2	-	-	-	-	-	35

Tuberculosis

For comparative purposes I have recorded the notifications of Tuberculosis during 1960 in conjunction with the notifications of this disease received each year since 1951.

Notifications - 1951 to 1960

	1951		1952		1953		1954		1955		1956		1957		1958		1959		1960	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
MALE																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5			1				1	2												
5 - 15	1	1					4	2												
15 - 25	1	1					1		5											
25 - 35	1		1		1		1		1	1			1				1			
35 - 45									1				3		1					
45 - 55			1						3	4		2						1		
55 - 65	2		2				1		1	2		2							1	
65 & over		1	1		2				1		1								1	
FEMALE																				
Up to 1 year									1											
1 - 5	1																			
5 - 15	1						2		1											
15 - 25	5		2				1		1	2									1	
25 - 35	1		2		1	2	1		2						1					
35 - 45					1				2				1							
45 - 55									2											
55 - 65						1			1								1			
65 & Over																	1	1	1	
Total	13	4	9	4	6	10	6	52	1	2	15	4	1	4	1	2	2	5	-	-

Deaths - 1951 to 1960

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
MALE										
Up to 1 year										
1 - 5										
5 - 15										
15 - 25										
25 - 35			1			1				
35 - 45				1						
45 - 55		2				2				
55 - 65	1						1			
65 & Over				1	1	1	5	1		
FEMALE										
Up to 1 year										
1 - 5		1				1				
5 - 15										
15 - 25										
25 - 35			1							
35 - 45										
45 - 55										
55 - 65				1						
65 & Over									1	
Total	3	2	2	- 2	2	2	- 3	- 2	- 1	- 1

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register at 31st December, 1960, were as follows :-

	Up to 1 yr.	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65 & Over	Total
Male Pulmonary	-	-	-	5	7	12	12	14	4	55
Female Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	18	10	9	10	3	58
Male Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	2	5	3	2	1	-	20
Female Non-Pulmonary	-	-	1	4	-	-	2	3	3	13

The following sections of this report cover the work of the Public Health Inspector's Department and have been compiled by Mr. R. G. Whiston.

Work on the Slum Clearance programme continued and Orders of various kinds became operative in respect of 58 houses. Re-housing of occupants continued and 40 houses were vacated.

The task of Meat Inspection continued to occupy a great deal of time (and overtime) and 100% inspection of all animals slaughtered was carried out. This, however, has meant that the time spent on other statutory duties still has had to be considerably reduced.

Clean Air Act, 1956

The position with regard to industrial chimneys is now satisfactory. At the one premises for which an Exemption Certificate was in force, new automatic stokers were fitted to a boiler.

Complaints.

During the year 70 complaints were received and investigated; 5 of these were unfounded.

12 were found to be relating to dangerous structures, waste of water and other matters and were referred to the Departments concerned.

Public Health Act, 1936Nuisances

Following the complaints and as a result of routine survey 43 houses were inspected, a total of 66 nuisances were found and 26 informal notices were issued. In 2 cases statutory notices were served. 174 visits were made to houses previously inspected and 51 nuisances were found to be abated. 26 informal and 4 statutory notices were complied with. 2 statutory notices were served under the provisions of Section 99 of the Cheshire County Council Act, 1953, requiring stoppages to be removed from drains.

Drainage.

The repair of existing drainage was supervised and necessary testing done. 127 visits were made in connection with this work and the tracing of existing drainage at various properties.

Water Supply

Routine samples were taken monthly from each of the town's systems of supply and sent to the Public Health Laboratory Service, Stafford, for Bacteriological examination. The reports on samples submitted showed satisfactory results.

Disinfestation

D.D.T. and Gammexane compounds in liquid and powder form are used for this purpose, and successful results have been obtained.

The houses and household effects of new tenants for Council houses are inspected and where necessary disinfestation is undertaken before removal. For this and other reasons 56 inspections have been carried out and 8 premises treated.

Conversion of Pails

Following the completion of the West Heath Sewerage Scheme, the Council adopted a scheme for the compulsory conversion of pails in the West Heath area in respect of thirty-seven properties. Informal Notices were sent to the Owners of eighteen of the properties informing them of the scheme and giving them an opportunity to engage their own Contractors to carry out the work.

Estimates were received in respect of all but one of the houses and approved by the Council. Seven conversions were satisfactorily completed and the remainder were in progress at the end of the year.

Offensive Trades.

One premises is registered for tripe boiling. No complaints were received in connection with the trade.

Infectious Disease and Disinfection.

Enquiries have been made into 2 cases of infectious disease. Disinfection of premises following the removals and deaths of T.B. cases, has been carried out and where necessary infected bedding has been taken to the Isolation Hospital, Macclesfield, for disinfection by steam.

Infected library books are treated with gaseous fumigant before return for circulation.

Caravans.

4 visits have been made in connection with the control of movable dwellings.

Public Mortuary.

This service is under the charge of the Department and during the year there were 23 admissions.

Housing Act, 1957

68 houses were inspected under the provisions of the Housing Act, and 286 re-visits were made to houses previously inspected.

31 houses in Clearance Areas were demolished and 7 areas cleared.

4 Closing Orders were made. 8 individual unfit houses were demolished.

6 Clearance Areas comprising 54 houses were confirmed.

Improvement Grants.

25 applications were received during the year and all were granted. 111 visits were made for the purpose of advising owners, inspecting following applications, supervision of work while in progress and on completion.

Rent Act, 1951
Certificates of Disrepair

One application for a Certificate of Disrepair was received. In this case the owner submitted an undertaking, the repairs were carried out and so no certificate was issued.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

111 inspections of premises used for the preparation, storage or sale of food were carried out. 17 contraventions were found and 1 informal notice issued. On re-inspection 4 contraventions had been abated, and 2 notices fully complied with.

Ice-Cream.

There are 10 premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream, all use the "cold mix" method.

78 premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream.

15 inspections have been made.

Preserved Food

41 premises are registered for the manufacture of preserved food (sausages, potted and pressed meats, etc.) and 10 inspections of these premises were carried out.

Slaughterhouses.

The Council's report on Slaughterhouse facilities as required under the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, was prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture,

Fisheries and Food for approval. It was anticipated in the report that two only of the five slaughterhouses would comply with the Hygiene and Prevention of Cruelty Regulations, by the recommended date. During the year two of the existing five licensed premises did not operate. 1636 visits were made to these premises during the year to carry out meat inspection and the carcasses and offal of all animals killed were inspected.

Cases of Tuberculosis in cattle remained at an average similar to the previous year up to the end of March, when the Tuberculosis eradication scheme of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food became operative. The incidence of animals affected decreased to an average of one case per month for the next three months and from September until the end of the year there was only one case.

Disposal of Condemned Meat.

All meat and offal condemned is sold to Messrs. Beesons Bros. Ltd. of Crewe, and the firm undertake the collection from the slaughterhouses on the Council's behalf. Expenses are deducted and the balance is paid to the Slaughterhouse occupiers.

The weights of meat and offal are shown in the tables.

£130.12s.9d. has been received from Messrs. Beesons Bros. Ltd., and paid to the slaughterhouse occupiers.

Tuberculosis Order, 1938

No animals were slaughtered under the provisions of the above Order.

Congenital Tuberculosis in Calves.

During the year no calf carcasses were found to be affected with Congenital Tuberculosis.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933-1954

The stunning of all animals in the Borough is carried out by means of captive bolt pistols.

29 Slaughtermen's licences were renewed.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

Registered are 8 Dairies and 1 Distributors.

Under the Special Designation Regulations, 16 licences have been issued for Tuberulin Tested Milk, 14 for Pasteurised Milk and 5 for Sterilised Milk.

2 visits have been made in connection with registration and licensing.

Prevention of Damage by Rats Act, 1949.

The Council has one full time operative whose duties are concerned with the destruction of rats and mice.

13 visits have been made by Public Health Inspectors in connection with complaints and general supervision.

All work at business premises was carried out after written or verbal intimation had been given and no statutory notices have been served.

A summary of the incidence and treatment carried out is appended.

Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers.

It is estimated that there are 700 manholes in the Borough, a test bait of 10% of these was undertaken and two treatments carried out during the year.

At the first treatment 33 manholes were pre-baited 11 showed "Takes", and were poisoned; at the second 58 manholes were pre-baited and 7 "Takes" were poisoned.

Shops Act, 1950

6 inspections have been carried out under the provisions of the Act.

Factory Act, 1937

26 inspections have been made. 10 contraventions were found and 7 were remedied.

Outworkers.

A total of 5 outworkers are shown as employed by factories in the area on the lists submitted in accordance with Section 110 of the Act. All are engaged on the making, altering or repairing of wearing apparel.

Section 34

3 Certificates have been granted during 1960 in respect of adequate means of escape in case of fire,

under Section 34 of the Factories Act, 1937.

TABLES AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION.

Summary of visits and inspections.

<u>General</u>	<u>No. of visits.</u>
Water Supply	47
Drainage	127
Stables & Piggeries	7
Caravans	4
Factories	26
Rats and Mice	13
Schools	1
Shops Act	6
Miscellaneous Visits	304
Interviewing & Appointments	169
Atmospheric Pollution	39
Swimming Baths	1
Pet Shops	1
Refuse Disposal	2
Workshops	2
Pail Conversion	52
Bake Houses	5

Housing - Under Public Health Act.

No. of houses inspected	43
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	174

Under Housing Acts.

No. of houses inspected	68
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	286

Verminous Premises.

No. of inspections	56
Found verminous and disinfested	8
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	150
Improvement Grants	111
Infectious Disease	9
Visits re Disinfection	11
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	14

Food Premises and Food Inspection

Visits to Slaughterhouses	1636
Butchers	31
Fishmongers and Poulterers	3
Grocers	21
Dairies and Milkshops	2
Ice-cream premises	15
Food preparing premises	7
Bakehouses	5
Market Stalls	2
Restaurants	5
Greengrocers & Fruiterers	8
Licensed Premises	13
Miscellaneous Food Visits	3
Factory Canteens	3
Vehicles	2
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Summary of Notices Served.

No. of informal notices served	41
No. of informal notices complied with	33
No. of statutory notices served	2
No. of statutory notices complied with	5

Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925-1932

No. of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation 34

No. of houses, the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers under Public Health or Housing Acts 26

No. of representations made to the local authority with a view to :-

(a) Serving of notices requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 2

(b) the making of demolition or closing orders 6

No. of notices served requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 2

No. of houses which were rendered fit after the service of formal notices (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 26

No. of Demolition Orders made Nil

No. of Closing Orders made 4

No. of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under Sub Section (3) of Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 Nil

No. of houses demolished 39

No. of Closing Orders under Section 27 (2) Housing Act, 1957, determined Nil

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Food Premises

Number of food premises in the area by type of business is as follows :-

Butchers	27
Canteens	22
Dairies	8
Milkshops	37
Fishmongers and Poulterers	6
Greengrocers	13
Grocers & Confectioners	113
Restaurants and Cafe	28
Bakehouses	11

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION

Total number of Animals slaughtered and inspected.

	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
1958	3	271	2469	1288	59	10342	4525	19187
1959	1	436	2784	1038	179	12673	4574	21685
1960	9	650	2457	1158	256	11742	4194	20466

Total weight of meat condemned

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Beef	-	8	3	21
Mutton	-	4	1	21
Pork	-	14	3	-
Veal	-	5	2	10
Offal	11	19	0	9
Total	14	12	3	5

Particulars of Animals Slaughtered at each of the private Slaughterhouses

Slaughter houses	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
E. & G. Vernon, West Street,	-	56	35	107	-	584	124	907
J.F. Longman, Princes Street	9	58	273	104	255	10777	3240	18078
Co-op. Society, Ltd., Moore Street	-	12	288	10	-	38	790	148

Weight of Meat condemned at each of the Private Slaughterhouses

	Beef lbs.	Mutton lbs.	Veal lbs.	Pork lbs.	Offal lbs.
E. & G. Vernon	390	-	-	-	343
J.F. Longman	2408	477	626	1080	2127
Co-op. Society	443	20	-	572	315
	<u>3241</u>	<u>497</u>	<u>626</u>	<u>1652</u>	<u>2677</u>

Other Foods Condemned

	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Ozs.
Canned Food	4	1	14	3½
Other Foods	-	2	-	4

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in Part or whole.						
	Cattle Ex. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	
Number killed	1817	2457	256	11742	4194	
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	3	15	10	12	
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	626	1387	-	1152	457	
Percentage affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis						
1958	42.95	41.35	5.19	11.15	12.53	
1959	48.28	50.47	5.027	13.16	10.82	
1960	34.51	55.29	5.8	9.89	11.19	
<u>Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1	
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	49	113	-	-	44	
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis						
1958	11.71	23.04	0.35	-	2.7	
1959	12.13	18.47	0.559	-	1.465	
1960	2.69	4.59	-	-	1.07	

	Cattle Ex.cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	12	24	-	-	-
Carcases submitted for treatment by refrigeration	2	1	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage affected with Cysticercosis					
1958	1.60	0.84	-	-	-
1959	0.81	.61	-	-	-
1960	0.66	.97	-	-	-

Prevalence of Rats and Mice

	Type of Property				Total
	Local Authority	Dwell- ings	Agricult- ural	All other (inc. business & indus- trial,)	
Total No. of proper- ties in Local Authority's District	37	1072	106	1036	6451
No. of properties inspected as a result of					
(a) Notification	1	95	9	48	153
(b) Otherwise	29	230	46	290	595

	Local Authority	Type of Property			Total
		Dwelling-houses	Agricultural	All other (inc. business & industrial)	
No. of properties found to be infested by rats	Major	-	-	-	-
	Minor 6	109	46	95	266
No. of properties found to be infested by mice	1	6	5	15	219
No. of infested properties treated by Local Authority	4	170	47	246	477

Factory Act, 1937

Inspections

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Written Notices	No. of Occupiers Prosecuted.
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	5	0	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	13	40	2	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	-	-	-	-
	136	60	2	-

Cases in which Defects were Found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were	
	Found	Remedied
Sanitary Conveniences		
(a) Insufficient	-	-
(b) Unsuitable	10	7
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-
Total	10	7



